



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, which help us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* on September 15, 2021 (86 FR 51345) during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/Commerce

Title: Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms

OMB Control Number: 0648-0490.

Form Number(s): None

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 279

Average Hours per Response:

- 15 minutes for Hawaii longline limited entry renewal online, 30 minutes for Hawaii longline limited entry renewal by emailed document submission.
- 1 hour for Hawaii longline limited entry permit transfer document.
- 30 minutes for Western Pacific (WP) general longline, WP receiving vessel, PRIA troll and handline, WP bottomfish, pelagic squid jig, crustacean, and WP precious coral applications.

- 45 minutes for American Samoa longline limited entry vessel registration.
- 75 minutes for American Samoa longline limited entry permit transfer, renewal, or additional permit applications.
- 2 hours for coral reef fishing special/transshipment permit application, permit appeal, and longline prohibited area exemption.
- 15 minutes for main Hawaiian Islands non-commercial bottomfish permit application.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 152

Needs and Uses: All vessel owners or permit holders fishing with specified gear in the federally managed fisheries covered by this information collection in the Exclusive Economic Zone around Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and Pacific Remote Island Areas must have the permits and to register their vessels to the permits. Each vessel that lands catch in these islands must be registered to a permit. NMFS, the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, and Federal enforcement agencies use the information to monitor and manage the fisheries.

This request is for a revision to merge the permit application forms from two currently approved information collections – Pacific Islands Region Coral Reef Ecosystem Permit Form (OMB Control No. 0648-0463) and Non-commercial Permit and Reporting Requirements in the Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery (OMB Control No. 0648-0577) – into the currently approved Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms (OMB Control No. 0648-0490).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: As required

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary for open access permits; Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits for limited entry permits.

Legal Authority: 50 CFR 665

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection or OMB Control Number 0648-0490.

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